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SUBJECT: LABOR SECRETARY OJEDA ON UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:
1. SECRETARY OF LABOR PEDRO OJEDA PAULLADA SHED SOME LIGHT ON MEXICAN LEVELS OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT DURING A BREAKFAST FOR THE PRESS ON MARCH 23. OJEDA CLAIMED THAT 1.5 MILLION ARE PRESENTLY WITHOUT WORK AND 7 MILLION ARE UNDEREMPLOYED (OUT OF A 16 PLUS MILLION WORK FORCE). "WE NEED TO CREATE 4.2 MILLION JOBS DURING THE NEXT SIX YEARS, A TASK WHICH WILL NOT BE EASY."

2. OJEDA WENT ON TO SAY THE GOM WOULD ADJUST THE POLICY OF THE FONACOTT (THE NATIONAL FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT AND GUARANTEE OF WORKER CREDIT) TO PROVIDE WORKER CONSUMER CREDIT "FOR ONLY THOSE ARTICLES WHICH WORKERS REALLY NEED". (FONACOTT GENERAL DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK THAT THE GOM HAD GUARANTEED 418,000 LOANS FOR A TOTAL OF 2,865 MILLION PESOS DURING THE PAST TWO YEAR PERIOD - 180 MILLION DOLLARS BY ROUGH CALCULATIONS.) HE ALSO SAID THE GOM HOPED TO EXPAND THE LIST OF 90 BASIC COMMODITIES ON WHICH THEY WERE EXERCISING A FORM OF PRICE CONTROLS.
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3. COMMENT: OJEDA'S ESTIMATE IS THE FIRST HIGH LEVEL AND OFFICIAL ADMISSION THAT HARD CORE UNEMPLOYMENT HAS REACHED THE NINE PERCENT LEVEL AND THAT AN ADDITIONAL 40 PERCENT OF THE WORK FORCE IS UNDEREMPLOYED. HIGH ESTIMATES ARE CONSTANTLY BANDIED ABOUT HERE BY THOSE WITH INTEREST IN THIS SOCIAL PROBLEM, BUT FEW REACH THE LEVEL

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CLAIMED BY OJEDA. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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4. DURING A LUNCHEON ATTENDED BY THE CHARGE AND LABATT ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE PRESS BREAKFAST, OJEDA REGISTERED LENGTHY CONCERN OVER THE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM AND INDICATED HIS OPINION THAT IT WAS THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY OF HIS SECRETARIAT. HE OFFERED NO INSIGHT INTO GOM PLANS TO RELIEVE THE PROBLEM BUT ASSERTED THAT THEY WOULD NEED CONSIDERABLE OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE IN ATTACKING IT. WE INTERPRET THE LATTER REMARK TO BE A HINT FOR BI-LATERAL U.S. HELP. OJEDA DID NOT SPECIFY AND WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT HE MAY HAVE HAD IN MIND. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. THOMPSON.

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